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## CDC ASSESSING INFLUENZA VACCINE NOW IN SUPPLY PIPELINE



High-risk individuals and health care workers should be immunized. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in response to strong consumer demand for influenza vaccine is working with vaccine manufacturers, state health departments, medical professionals, and others to assess the status of the current flu vaccine supply in the United States. Current reports indicate that most available flu vaccine supplies have now been distributed to doctors, clinics, health departments and other providers, which is not unusual for this time of year.

"This year it appears that many more people than in recent years received a flu shot during October and November, and unlike other years, there is high interest in obtaining flu shots into December. The fact that so many Americans have acted on the recommendation to receive a flu shot is encouraging," said Dr. Julie Gerberding, CDC director.

"CDC is doing everything possible to assess the availability of flu vaccine to identify any locations that have supplies that may be able to be made available to locations that need vaccine," Gerberding said. "Some states have plans in place to redistribute vaccine supplies should that be needed."

In a typical year, 70-75 million Americans receive a flu shot. This year manufacturers produced approximately 83 million doses of flu vaccine. The United States has



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never used more than 80 million doses of flu vaccine in a season. CDC officials note that it is not unusual at this time of year for influenza vaccine supplies to be limited as many health care providers begin to wind down their vaccination programs. Therefore, people wishing to be vaccinated may need to be persistent to find vaccine.



**Julie L. Gerberding, MD, MPH**  
*Director, CDC; Administrator, ATSDR*

CDC has observed an earlier onset of the flu this year; therefore the agency continues to encourage individuals at high risk for complications from influenza and health care workers to receive a flu vaccination, while supplies remain available.

High-risk individuals who should be vaccinated against influenza include:

- persons 50 years and older;
- residents of nursing homes and other long-term care facilities that house persons of any age who have long-term illnesses;
- persons 6 months of age and older who have chronic heart or lung conditions, including asthma;
- persons 6 months of age and older who need regular medical care or had to be in a hospital because of metabolic diseases (like diabetes), chronic kidney disease, or weakened immune system (including immune system problems caused by medicine or by infection with HIV/AIDS);
- children and teenagers 6 months to 18 years who are on long-term aspirin therapy and therefore could develop Reye syndrome after the flu; and
- women who will be more than 3 months pregnant during the flu season.

In addition, CDC recommends the following groups of people be vaccinated to prevent spreading flu to individuals at high risk of complications from flu:

- doctors, nurses, and other employees in hospitals and doctors' offices, including emergency response workers;
- employees of nursing homes and long-term care facilities who have contact with patients or residents;
- employees of assisted living and other residences for people in high-risk groups;
- people who provide home care to those high-risk groups; and
- household members (including children) of people in high-risk groups.

Children aged 6 to 23 months, and caregivers of children younger than 6 months, are also encouraged to receive flu shots because children younger than 24 months may be at higher risk for complications from influenza.

For healthy persons ages 5 to 49, the new nasal flu vaccine mist is another option of protection for the flu season. Other simple steps available to everyone can also protect against flu. Frequently washing hands and avoiding touching the nose, eyes, and mouth will help people avoid transmitting or getting the flu or other respiratory infections, like a cold.

"Flu is very unpredictable. It is not uncommon for seasons to be quite different in their timing. We still don't know how this season will progress. It is too early to tell if the high level of activity that some parts of the country are experiencing will continue throughout our flu season," said Dr. Keiji Fukuda, a CDC medical epidemiologist specializing in influenza.



For more information about influenza and steps to protect individuals and families, visit <http://www.cdc.gov>.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING REVOLVING LOAN FUNDS**

*by Karl Mueldeener  
Bureau of Water*



KDHE regulates water quality in Kansas. Water quality includes the quality of drinking water as well as the water quality in streams and lakes. Key components in providing clean water are municipal water and sewer systems. As society's expectations for a clean environment grow, the demands placed on municipal water and sewer systems increase. The demands might include additional treatment units, better reliability, increased security precautions, and extensions of water supplies or sewer systems to new customers. Replacement and normal maintenance of this water quality infrastructure is also a significant challenge for municipalities to address. Kansas municipalities are typically small especially in terms of utility management. In managing Kansas water quality, and the municipal infrastructure designed to protect the water quality, all these factors need to be considered. Finding the funds to meet these needs is a challenge. One-way Kansas helps municipalities is through low interest loans to construct drinking water and wastewater treatment systems.

KDHE administers two revolving loan funds, with combined assets of \$841 million that are intended to assist local municipalities in financing water infrastructure. The Federal Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act and corresponding Kansas statutes authorize the revolving funds. Congress has appropriated funds to the states through EPA to

help establish the funds. States must provide a match of at least 20% and then can make loans at less than market rates. Kansas took a unique approach and provides more than the required minimum match. Leveraging the federal contributions to Kansas increases the funds available so more loans can be made to assisting local utilities. The Kansas match is provided through the issuance of revenue bonds through the Kansas Development Finance Authority. Bond repayments are derived from local sewer charges.

The older of the two funds, established in 1989, was designed to help finance municipal wastewater systems and leverages the available Federal funds by a factor of two. The interest rate to municipalities is set at 60% of market, which now computes to about 3%. Since established in 1989, the wastewater loan program has made 236 loans totaling \$583 Million.



The second loan program for drinking water systems started in 1998. In establishing this program Kansas has been more aggressive in leveraging in that the state turns a Federal dollar into four dollars of loans to municipalities. To accomplish this aggressive leveraging the interest rates needed to be slightly higher and are set at 80% of market, which would be 4% today. Despite the slightly higher rate, demand remains strong for the loans. Since startup the drinking water loan program has made 104 loans totaling \$221 million.

Since assistance is provided through a loan, which must be repaid, municipalities are encouraged to be thrifty in their expenditures while still providing some relief to the project cost. Priorities are given to projects that will improve compliance and on the extent of environmental improvement provided by the project. Funds are held aside for small utilities to assure the larger communities do not dominate. However, this has not been a problem and the small communities are the majority of the loan recipients. A requirement of a drinking water loan is the utility agreeing to have their finances reviewed annually by an outside party if loan repayment is not guaranteed with insurance or tax backing. This is to assure the local utility maintains adequate rates to maintain the system and to repay the loan. The low interest loan programs are a valuable tool for municipalities

and KDHE in implementing water quality programs.

### **KANSAS PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING AND ADMINISTRATIVE RESOURCES GUIDEBOOK REVISED**

The Kansas Public Health Nursing and Administrative Resources Guidebook has been revised and is now on the Office of Local and Rural Health website:

<http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/olrh/index.html>. Click on Local Health Departments and then click on Public Health Resource Manual (pdf.). This manual is dedicated to the local health department administrators and nursing directors in recognition of their continuing efforts to enhance organizational competence and assure professional performance. It is a gift from the Public Health Nursing Specialists at Office of Local and Rural Health.



From left to right - Jon Anderson, Linda Frazier, Anita Hodge, Debbie Whitmer, and Shirley Orr

### **SUFFERING FROM A HIPAA HANGOVER**

**KIPHS**



**Update**

*by Pete Kitch*

We have recently spent some time reviewing our 2003 activities. What a busy year! Much was accomplished but New Year's Eve has come and gone and we are still suffering from a HIPAA "hangover". Although we have health departments in Kansas in production for HIPAA compliant electronic billing for private insurance (Blue Cross/Blue Shield), Medicaid, and Medicare, a number of KIPHS Kansas health departments are still in test mode, or have not yet even entered into the testing phase. Each department must be independently qualified for electronic submittal.

At the same time virtually all the payer processing systems are still in a state of flux. We have been receiving information on changes, or encountering changed processing rules on an

almost daily basis. In other instances the third party payers have reversed themselves on previous decisions. Needless to say, all of this has kept Debby Layne and the programming staff hopping. Information system technology organizations are now indicating the Year 2K problem was easy compared to HIPAA. It is much more complicated than tracking the format and use of a date field buried in computer program code!

Still, at the same time New Year's Eve is a time to look forward as well. We are excited about the prospects for the New Year. We will be adding a medical records tracking module, completing implementation of the electronic state laboratory interface that will enable PH Clinic users to log test requests and results against client records, and with the assistance of the Oklahoma City County Health Department making our first foray into clinical information via a STD clinic project. Further, we are exploring the possibility of working with the Washington State Nursing Association on the implementation of an outcome measurement mechanism based on the Omaha Nursing model approach that would be incorporated in PH Clinic.

Finally, development activities continue on our new PH Environment system, designed to accommodate a wide spectrum of environmental health regulatory and monitoring programs. Our first installation sites will be partner health departments in Utah and Washington and will initially address food inspection. Other program specific data sets will be added to the framework over the course of 2004.

## **REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH MEETINGS 2004 Schedule**

**Central Region:** Meetings are held at the Reno County Health Department from 10am – 3pm. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

January 28  
March 24  
May 26  
July 28  
September 22  
November - Date to be announced

**North Central Region:** Meetings are held from 9am-3pm. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates and locations are:

February 24	Clay Center
April 13	Airport Hilton - Wichita
June 22	Ellsworth
August 24	Belleville
October 26	Lincoln
December 7	Abilene

**Northeast Region:** Meetings are held at the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Azure Conference 4th Floor, Topeka, from 10am-3pm. Please contact Anita Hodge at 785-368-8110 or Jon Anderson at 620-431-2390 if you have any questions. Dates are:

March 11  
June 10  
September 9  
December 9

**Northwest Region:** Meetings are held from 10am-3pm at the NW Educational Service Center in Oakley. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

February 12  
April 8  
June 10  
August 12  
October 14  
December 9

**Southeast Region:** Meetings are held from 10am-3pm at the Holiday Park Motel, 3030 S. Santa Fe, Chanute. Please contact Jon Anderson at 620-431-2390 if you have any questions. Dates are:

February 5  
May 6  
August 5  
November 4

**Southwest Region:** Meetings are held from 9am-3pm in Garden City. Location to be announced. Dates are:

January 16  
March 19, 2004  
May 21  
July 16  
September 17  
November 19

## *Public Health Personnel Update*

**Susan Morris** - joined the Bioterrorism Program on Monday, December 8, 2003. She will serve as the programs Information Technology Coordinator, and will be in charge of all information technology projects across the seven focus areas within the Kansas Bioterrorism Program Work Plan. Susan worked for the Hospital Bioterrorism Program in the Office of Local and





Rural Health prior to coming to the Bioterrorism Program.

**Mary Ohi, RN, BSN** – has joined the staff at Pratt County Health department. Mary comes from Medicine Lodge.

**Billie Payne, RN, BSN, MEd** - became the new Administrator at the Cloud County Health Department, Concordia, in August 2003. Billie received her nursing degree from Wichita State University. She has 35 years of nursing experience in surgery, ICU, physician's office, utilization review and established a Home Health Agency in Lincoln County in 2000. Billie grew up in Mitchell County, has three children, and now resides in Hunter, KS, with her husband.

**Kristi Schmitt, MSN, ARNP** - is the new administrator at Finney County Health Department. Kristi began her duties at the health department on December 1, 2003. She is a native of western Kansas, born and raised in Scott and Finney counties. She received her BSN in 1983 from Fort Hays State University, and Master's degree in nursing from University of Kansas School of Medicine in May 2002.

**Yvette Van Pelt** – has joined the staff at Harvey County Health Department. Yvette's responsibilities will include nurse assistant, special projects assistant and assist staff in providing services to Harvey County's increasing Spanish population. Yvette has experience as a dental assistant, computer expertise in medical billing and is fluent in Spanish.

**Joy Walker RN, ARNP** – has also joined the staff at Pratt County Health Department. Joy comes from Hutchinson.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Reorganization Achieved for Lyon County Health Department



Lyon County Health Department is being reorganized effective January 1, 2004 and will no longer be a unit of county government. Instead, Flint Hills Community Health Center, a not-for-profit corporation

established in 1997 when federal funding was

received to establish a Section 330 Community Health Center, is contracting with Lyon County to perform all of the county health and community health center functions which have been performed under the auspices of Lyon County. All employees will be transferred to become employees of the corporation.

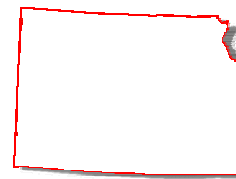
Planning for this project was initiated in July 2001, when the Lyon County Commission asked Lougene Marsh, director of Lyon County Health Department/Flint Hills Community Health Center, to explore whether the center could become independent. Although total independence was not possible for a variety of reasons, it was established that Flint Hills Community Health Center could operate as an instrumentality of government and contract with the county for service provision. Final approval of Lyon County Commission was obtained on December 4, 2003.

### Harvey County



Harvey County has announced they have KWIC up and running and are anxious to see the benefits of this system with the ability to serve more clients with less staff hours.

### Communication/Emergency Medical Dispatch Survey



Kansas has more than 80,000 square miles and a population of approximately 2.6 million people. Seventy-five percent of the population resides in 10 of its 105

counties. The majority of counties in Kansas are designated as either rural or frontier. This creates a change for providing a comprehensive trauma system and affects the availability of education and communication. Eight counties in Kansas do not have a hospital. Several communities rely on a single physician to provide health care.

In July 2002, the Department of Health and Human Services awarded KDHE funding for a Trauma-EMS Systems State Planning Grant. The Advisory Committee on Trauma contracted with Kansas Foundation for Medical Care to conduct a statewide inventory and needs assessment of emergency medical dispatch centers. The survey was a joint effort of the Kansas Public Safety Communications Committee chaired by David Lake

of the Board of EMS. The Kansas Public Safety Communications committee is an advisory committee under the Director of the Kansas Division of Emergency Management.

The objectives of the project were to administer a statewide inventory and needs assessment of EMD centers, identify gaps in EMD training, identify education and standardized protocols currently in use, assess costs and potential resources to provide standardized training and education for EMD providers.

The survey was distributed to 133 agencies with 117 agencies responding (88%). Results of the survey were compiled according to the six regional trauma council regions. The survey identified six areas where noteworthy problems with communication existed. Dispatcher Training and Education needs were also identified.

The full report is available on CD by contacting Rosanne Rutkowski with the KDHE Trauma Program at 785-296-1200 or you download the report from the Trauma Program web site at: <http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/olrh/TraumaOverview.htm>

#### **East Central Kansas Public Health Coalition News**



Three members of the East Central Kansas Public Health Coalition (ECKPHC) completed the Public Health Certificate Program in 2003: Susan Mueller, Coffey

County; Linda Meisenheimer, Osage County; and Renee Hively, Lyon County. Congratulations to Susan, Linda and Renee!

ECKPHC has been well represented in the certificate program as Lougene Marsh and Ann Mayo of Lyon County both completed the program in earlier years, and Janet Wertzberger of Wabaunsee will enter the program in January 2004. For more information about Kansas Public Health Certificate Program go to

<http://www.kuce.org/pmc/kphcp/>.

#### **County Salary Survey Conducted**



Each year the Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) conducts a salary survey. The data is actually compiled by Austin Peters Group, Inc.

Counties that participate in the survey are provided a copy of the results. Other copies may be purchased from KAC. In looking at the 2003 salary survey, the following positions relevant to local health departments were included in the survey.

- Accountant
- Clerk II
- County Health Administrator
- Licensed Practical Nurse
- Registered Nurse
- Secretary/Bookkeeper

Additional information from Eileen Filbert, RN, Adm., Jefferson County Health Department, suggests that local health departments that have home health and are part of the Kansas Home Care Association are able to obtain salary information from that organization, as well. Eileen also states that the salary survey done by KAC is made available to each County Clerk, so the local health departments should be able to obtain information in the Courthouse.

#### **Foodborne Illness Should Not Be a Menu Item!**

KDHE's Food Protection and Consumer Safety Program, located in the Bureau of Consumer Health, works to prevent foodborne illness among Kansas consumers. The



program's activities include the establishment of food protection program standards set up by the FDA, complaint investigations, education, establishment inspection, and licensing. Staff also responds to natural disasters and transportation accidents involving food and consumer products.



"Focus on Food Safety" and "Did You Wash 'Em?" are the themes of the program's statewide educational campaign. The food safety and hand washing educational materials include a power point presentation, posters, small stickers, bathroom stickers, handouts, and interactive websites. The Focus on Food Safety materials focus on food safety risk factors: food source, inadequate cooking, improper holding, contamination, poor personal hygiene and environmental contamination.

In addition, the program utilizes a complementary hand washing presentation, Glo-Germ, which demonstrates proper hand washing by simulating germs. The Food Protection and Consumer Safety Program works in collaboration with the food service industry to provide these educational materials and opportunities for food service workers, managers and consumers.

Please visit our Focus on Food Safety website at [www.kdhe.state.ks.us/fofs](http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/fofs) and our Did You Wash 'EM Website at:

[http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/wash\\_em/index.html](http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/wash_em/index.html)

To request a free educational seminar or food safety and hand washing educational materials, please contact Ginny Ramseyer Winter at (785) 368-7261 or [gramseyer@kdhe.state.ks.us](mailto:gramseyer@kdhe.state.ks.us)

## CONFERENCE

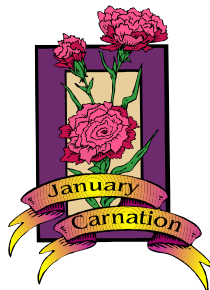
### Third International Public Health Conference

#### PROMOTING GLOBAL HEALTH: SHARING VISIONS AND STRATEGIES

Washburn University, Topeka, KS  
July 10, 11, & 12, 2004

#### Keynote Speaker

John H. Bryant, MD began his international health experience by participating in a study of Health and the Developing World sponsored by the Rockefeller Foundation. His work with the Council of International Organizations for Medical Sciences, founded by WHO and UNESCO, focused on health policy, ethics and human values with recent attention to formation of International Ethical Guidelines for Research Involving Human Subjects. For more information please contact Dr. Ellen Carson, Associate Dean, School of Nursing, Washburn University, at 785-231-1010, extension 1212, [ellen.carson@washburn.edu](mailto:ellen.carson@washburn.edu) or see website: <http://www.washburn.edu/nursing-conference>



## TRAININGS

### Medical Interpreter Training Scheduled for 2004



Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Office of Local and Rural Health, will sponsor six medical interpreter-training sessions this coming year. Funding has been provided for these training sessions through the Heartland Centers for Public Health Workforce Development, Saint Louis University, School of Public Health, and the KDHE/CDC Bioterrorism Grant Training Fund. The training sessions are listed below:

#### NW KANSAS

Fort Hays State University  
Memorial Union, Trails Room  
College Drive  
Hays, KS 67601  
March 22-26, 2004 from 8:00am-5:00pm

#### SC KANSAS

University of Kansas School of Medicine - Wichita  
1010 N. Kansas, Santa Fe Room  
Wichita, KS 67214  
July 15-16 & 21-23, 2004 from 8:00am-5:00pm

#### SW KANSAS

Western Plains Medical Complex  
Classroom located at the Annex Building (across from the hospital)  
108 Ross Blvd.  
Dodge City, KS 67801  
May 10-14, 2004 from 8:00am-5:00pm

For more information/or registration please contact Elizabeth Kizzie at Jewish Vocational Service, 1608 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO 64108 or call 816-471-2808 ext. 142, e-mail address [ekizzie@jvskc.org](mailto:ekizzie@jvskc.org).

### Cultural Competency Training



Kansas Department of Health & Environment, Office of Local & Rural Health, will sponsor four Cultural Competency training sessions this year. The KDHE/CDC Bioterrorism Grant Training Fund is funding the training sessions. Elizabeth Kizzie and Catherine Anderson are presenting the training sessions from Jewish Vocational Service in Kansas City. Health care providers serve more non-English or limited English-speaking clients each day. The two main

barriers providers face are language and culture. The Cultural Competency training sessions will provide you an opportunity to learn how to effectively communicate with limited English-proficient clients, collaborate with families and coordinate services. The topics covered will include; Dimensions of Diversity, Working Effectively with Interpreters, and Building Culturally Competent Community Partnerships.



#### **LAWRENCE**

January 28 & 29, 2004  
8:00am-5:00pm  
Lawrence Memorial Hospital  
325 Maine, Room "A"  
Lawrence, KS 66044

#### **WICHITA**

February 11 & 12, 2004  
8:00 am-5:00pm  
University of Kansas School of Medicine - Wichita  
1010 N. Kansas, "Meadowlark Room"  
Wichita, KS 67214

#### **GREAT BEND**

April 14 & 15, 2004  
8:00am-5:00pm  
SRS Building  
1305 Patton Road  
Great Bend, KS

#### **GARDEN CITY**

June 16, & 17, 2004  
8:00am-5:00pm  
SRS Building  
1710 Palace Drive  
Garden City, KS 67846

For more information/or registration please contact Elizabeth Kizzie or Catherine Anderson at Jewish Vocational Service, 1608 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO 64108 at 816-471-2808, ext. 142 for Elizabeth and ext. 124 for Catherine. You may also e-mail Elizabeth at [ekizzie@jvskc.org](mailto:ekizzie@jvskc.org) and e-mail Catherine at [canders@jvskc.org](mailto:canders@jvskc.org).



#### **Billing Workshops**

The Billing Workshops 2004 schedule for the BBs and BAs will be held on the following days and locations:

#### **North Central Billing Group ("BB")**

From 9:00am-noon.

January 27 Saline County Health Dept  
March 23 To be announced  
June 29 To be announced  
September 21 To be announced  
Please contact Debbie Whitmer at (785) 827-9639 if you have any questions.

#### **North West Billing Group ("BA")**

From 9am-3pm

February 25 Ellis County Health Dept.  
May 26 To be announced  
August 25 To be announced  
November 23 To be announced  
Please contact Debbie Whitmer at (785) 827-9639 if you have any questions.

#### **Evidence-Based Strategies in Tobacco Control: Making Sense of What Works**

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/Office on Smoking and Health presents **Evidence-Based Strategies in Tobacco Control: Making Sense of What Works.** The training is at the Rolling Hills Refuge and Conference Center in Salina on January 21-22, 2004. For a registration form visit [http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/tobacco/download/2004\\_pre\\_bid\\_registration\\_form.pdf](http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/tobacco/download/2004_pre_bid_registration_form.pdf). Registration deadline for this training is January 3.

#### **GENERAL WORKSHOPS**

Continuing Education of interest to PH Workforce is listed by the Kansas State Board of Nursing at: <http://www.ksbn.org>.



Look for the AHEC trainings at: <http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us> then go to "Additional PH Training Calendar"  
NW KS AHEC - Register at: 785-628-6128.  
SW KS AHEC - Register at: 620-275-0259  
SE KS AHEC - Register at: 620-235-4040

**Kansas Division of Emergency Management:**  
<http://www.accesskansas.org/kdem/trainingnew.htm>



## Public Health Training Network Satellite Downlinks/Webcasts



See PHTN website at [www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn](http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn) to view a complete list and register for training and programs. Call Linda Frazier, Distance Learning Coordinator at (785) 625-5663 if you need assistance.

January 2004 ▲	
<b>01/28/04</b> 12PM – 1:30PM CT	<b>Preparedness Update Lessons From the Front Lines of Risk Communication: SARS and Flu</b>  Sponsored by South Central Center for Public Health Preparedness (SCCPHP) Satellite Conference Webcast will <b>NOT</b> be available - <b>due to technical problems</b>
<b>CDC 01/30/04</b> 1:00PM – 2:00PM CT	<b>Public Health Grand Round: Influenza and Beyond: Responding to Vaccine Preventable Diseases</b>

February 2004 ▲	
<b>02/05/04</b> 2:00PM – 4:00PM CT	<b>Sexual Coercion</b>  For more information, contact Video Communications at the Alabama Department of Public Health at (334) 206-5618 or visit <a href="http://www.adph.org/alphtn">http://www.adph.org/alphtn</a> .
<b>02/11/04</b> 2:00PM – 4:00PM CT	<b>Breast Cancer</b> <i>Public Health Staff Development</i>  For more information, contact Video Communications at the Alabama Department of Public Health at (334) 206-5618 or visit <a href="http://www.adph.org/alphtn">http://www.adph.org/alphtn</a> .
<b>02/18/04</b> 12:00PM – 1:30PM CT	<b>Agroterrorism</b> sponsored by South Central Center for Public Health Preparedness (SCCPHP)  For more information, contact Video

	Communications at the Alabama Department of Public Health at (334) 206-5618 or visit <a href="http://www.adph.org/alphtn">http://www.adph.org/alphtn</a> .
<b>CDC 02/19/04</b> 11:00AM – 2:30PM CT	<b>Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine Preventable Diseases Session 1 of 4</b>  <a href="#">View</a> course overview.
<b>CDC 02/26/04</b> 11:00AM – 2:30PM CT	<b>Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine Preventable Diseases Session 2 of 4</b>  <a href="#">View</a> course overview.

### To Order Tapes/CD's:

**Public Health Foundation Online Bookstore:**

<http://bookstore.phf.org/cat20.htm>

**CDC BT programs:**

<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp>

### Nursing Education

**Ft. Hays Nursing:** <http://www.fhsu.edu/nursing>

**KU Nursing:** KU has an on-line RN to BSN completion program:

[http://www2.kumc.edu/son/vclassroom/rn\\_to\\_bsn.htm](http://www2.kumc.edu/son/vclassroom/rn_to_bsn.htm)

**Washburn PHN Certification Program-** e-mail Dr. Janice Dunwell at: [zzdnwl@washburn.edu](mailto:zzdnwl@washburn.edu)

**ANA's web site:** <http://www.RNCE.org>

### Other Continuing Education Online

**The WALD CENTER:** <http://www.waldcenter.org>

**The Public Health Training Network:** <http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn/default.asp>

**KDHE/KALHD Training Calendars:** <http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us>. Click on the calendar you wish to view.

**Training Finder:** Comprehensive database of distance learning course listings <http://www.trainingfinder.org>.

**The MMWR Continuing Education Program:** <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr>

**MPH Kansas:** <http://mph.kumc.edu>

**National Library of Medicine –**

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov>.

**CDC BT Training –**

<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp>

**The Illinois Public Health Preparedness Center:** <http://www.uic.edu/sph/prepare>

**Heartland Center for Public Health Preparedness:** <http://slu.edu/centers/heartland>

**Centers for Public Health Preparedness:**  
<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/CPHPLocations.asp>

**Public Health Training Centers:**  
<http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/publichealth/phtc.htm>

**Other Public Health Workforce Development Centers:**

<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/resources.asp>

Public Health Workforce Competencies

**Bioterrorism and Emergency Readiness Competencies for all Public Health Workers:**

<http://www.nursing.hs.columbia.edu/institute-centers/chphsr/btcomps.html>

**Competencies Feedback Project by the Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice.**

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